

Dominican Republic Support Activities for Haiti Relief

Public Sector

The Dominican Republic was the first country in the world to support Haiti with aid after the devastating earthquake.

The Dominican Government approved a special budget to Haiti Aids of US\$6.4 million focusing on health programs (US\$1.7 million), Food Programs (US\$1.4 million), Army (US\$1.5million), among others.

The Dominican Government created a hot line (digital and phones) to collect money and other items from the community countrywide.

SESPAS (Heath Ministry) sent ambulances, doctors and nurses to the border and into Haiti. It has also been operating diverse hospitals and heath centers to help Haitians. The worst patients (like the Haitian President of Congress and others) are being sent to Santiago and Santo Domingo for special care.

FFAA (National Army) sent diverse aid like personnel, trucks, helicopters and planes to the border to help and coordinate the distributions to Haiti.

IDAC (Instituto de Aviación Civil) created a special fleet with public and private airplanes (23) and helicopters (14) to send aid to the border.

DGA (Dirección General de Aduanas) approved a free tax on all aids that arrive to the DR though airports and ports with a focus on equipments, water, medicines and other aid materials.

SEOPC (Secretaria Obras Públicas) sent equipment to remove and clean streets, bridges and other pathways for better distributions of aid by land.

INDOTEL (Telecommunication Institute) sent digital phone and technicians to recover communications.

Gustavo Lara, Executive Director of the Red Cross Dominicana, announced the organization is present at the border coordinating aid for 100,000 families and giving them free medical attention.

Private Sector

Vicini, Free Trade Zone Association (ADOZONA), Labor Ministry, Public Energy Corporation (CDEEE) and Conep President Lizandro Macarrulla announced a special conjoint program for help Haiti.

Fundación Inicia, from Vicini, announced a US\$1million cash contribution and US\$5 million grant in in-kind products, services, rebar, milk, water, technicians, equipment, and other.

INCA (Industrias Nacionales) will give 50,000 zinc pieces for rebuilt houses (roof, walls, etc.)

Codetel, Orange, Viva and Tricom (Telecommunication companies) using text messages (SMS) to collect money for Haiti.

Escogido Baseball Club took collections at baseball stadiums with baseball players, executives and public.

Grupo M (one of the biggest free trade zone) sent containers with food and medicines.

Nacional, Pola and Cadena Supermarkets are making food and water collections in all supermarkets countrywide.

Junta Agroempresarial Dominicana created special programs to send food with agricultural business producers.

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